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SUBJECT: NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS

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- 1. THE ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS (OMAS) RECENTLY NEGOTIATED WITH THE REPUBLICS OF CHINA AND KOREA MAY RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE U.S. SHOULD TAKE PLACE SOON THEREAFTER.
- 2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSIES SHOULD APPROACH HOST CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENTS TO CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GROC AND GROK AMBASSADORS TO THE U.S. WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE NOTES. WE HOPE THEY WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN BY MAY 30, ALTHOUGH ACTUAL SIGNING DATE MAY BE LATER.

3. TO ENABLE U.S. CUSTOMS TO PROPERLY CONTROL GROC AND GROK EXPORT VISAS, CUSTOMS WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING

FACSIMILIES OF SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL IN EACH COUNTRY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN EXPORT VISAS. CUSTOMS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE SAMPLE VISAS ASAP. THE NEGOTIATING TEAM WAS PROMISED PROMPT RECEIPT OF SUCH SIGNATURES DURING NEGOTIATING SESSIONS.

4. A TECHNICAL POINT HAS COME UP REGARDING NON-RUBBER

FOOTWEAR WHICH ENTERS WITH VISAS FOR A CERTAIN CATEGORY AND CUSTOMS HAS CLASSIFIED THE ITEM AS FALLING IN SOME OTHER CATEGORY, (E.G. FOOTWEAR FROM ROC VISAED FOR "LEATHER" BUT CLASSIFIED BY CUSTOMS AS "PLASTIC"). WE BELIEVE THE BEST APPROACH FOR CUSTOMS IS TO PREVENT ENTRY OF THE "MIS-VISAED" GOODS UNTIL: (A) CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE, IF NECESSARY, AND (B) A CORRECTED VISA OR LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION IS ISSUED BY THE GROC OR GROK. THIS IS BETTER FOR CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION, BOTH HERE AND IN THE EXPORTING COUNTRY AND IT WILL LEAD TO MORE RAPID RESOLUTION OF CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE HOST GOVERNMENT COMMENT ON THIS APPROACH AS COMPARED TO PERMITTING MIS-VISAED GOODS TO ENTER WHICH THEN WOULD BE CHARGED TO A CATEGORY OTHER THAN THAT INTENDED BY THE GROC OR GROK.

5. IN REVIEWING THE AGREEMENT, WE NOTED A TECHNICAL ERROR IN PARA 2(E) REQUIRING THE WORD "IMPORTED" IN LINE THREE BE CHANGED TO "EXPORTED".

A SECOND TECHNICAL CHANGE IS ALSO REQUIRED IN PARA 2(D) CONFIDENTIAL

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(II). IN LINE FIVE, (ROC AGREEMENT) AND LINE FOUR (ROK AGREEMENT) INSERT WORDS "ON OR" BETWEEN "CONSUMPTION" AND "AFTER". PLEASE APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THESE TECHNICAL CHANGES AND REPORT RESPONSE ASAP.

6. FOR TAIPEI: PLEASE INFORM Y.T. WONG THAT WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH ROC EMBASSY REGARDING GROC CONCERN WITH "OTHER" CATEGORY. VANCE

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